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PROJECT FOR IDENTIFICATION OF HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to implement any Project to identify heritage sites and tourist destinations in the country for revamping the centres to attract more tourists;

(b) if so, state the details thereof; and

(c) whether the State Governments, particularly Kerala and Karnataka have proposed any heritage centre or tourist destination to include in the Project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): Identification and development of tourism projects including heritage sites is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The conservation, preservation, structural repairs and environmental development and provision of visitors' facilities at protected monuments is undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India in accordance with the archeological norms subject to availability of resources. However, the Ministry of Tourism also extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism including development of heritage sites under the Scheme of "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits" including Rural Tourism.

(c): During the year 2007-08, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned following projects for development of infrastructure at tourist sites including heritage centres to the State Governments of Kerala and Karnataka.

Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
Kerala	
Development of Wayanad	201.72
Development of Kodungallur Heritage Circuit	361.79
Development of Pathiramanal Bio Park	499.61
Total:	1063.12
Karnataka	
Development of Bijapur Bidar Gulbarg Circuit	640.97
Total:	640.97
Grand Total:	1704.09